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Applicant:

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR SELECTION OF CIRCUIT IN
MULTI-CIRCUIT COMMUNICATIONS
DEVICE (RJ11)

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Art Unit: 2749

Examiner: Cumming, W.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of July 26, 1999. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider Applicant's comments as overcoming the present objections. An appropriate Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to a single species under 35. U.S.C. §121. Applicant respectfully elects the species described in claims 9, 12, 13 and 26 with traverse.

Applicant considers the species disclosed in claims 6-14, 25, 26, 29 and 30 to be obvious variants of one another. Applicant further considers the species disclosed in claims 20-23 to be obvious variants of one another. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

Having overcome the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner proceed with examination of claims 1-44 of the present application.